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# **DGS Takes Safety Precautions at Capitol Square Following Dobbs Decision**

**RICHMOND, Va.** \_ The Department of General Services (DGS) announced today it is taking preparatory measures to secure Capitol Square to ensure the safety of the public and Capitol grounds following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

DGS is installing additional protective fencing in some areas around Capitol Square. The grounds will remain open unless DGS, in consultation with the Division of Capitol Police and other law enforcement partners, determines there are safety concerns that require closure.

The Code of Virginia places responsibility for the historic buildings and grounds on Capitol Square on DGS. Working with the Division of Capitol Police and other partners, DGS has taken similar steps, when necessary, to further secure the grounds.

If Capitol Square is closed, DGS will announce it on its website at [dgs.virginia.gov](https://dgs.virginia.gov) and on Twitter at @DGSVirginia.

**About DGS:** DGS provides laboratory, procurement, real estate, and engineering and architectural services for state agencies, as well as fleet vehicle management, graphic design, surplus property disposal, and mail services at the seat of government. The agency also manages the facilities and grounds at Capitol Square.

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